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GRATED PARMESAN CHEESE DEVIATING FROM IDENTITY STANDARD;
TEMPORARY PERMIT FOR MARKET TESTING

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Kraft has requested a Temporary Marketing Permit to market test a product designated as "100% Grated Parmesan Cheese Original" to be effective for 15 months, beginning when the test product is introduced into interstate commerce but no later than six months after the date of the issuance of the permit. The 15 month period normally begins within approximately three months of issuance of a permit and by regulation (21 CFR 130.17(b)), the food must be introduced into interstate commerce no later than three months after notice of issuance of the permit is published in the Federal Register. In this case, however, the cheese must age for six months during production and so Kraft will not be able to introduce the food into interstate commerce for at least six months after issuance of the permit. To accommodate this feature of the food, the agency has decided to delay publication in the Federal Register of the notice of issuance of the permit for 120 days. Kraft will therefore have 210 days, or approximately seven months, after issuance of the permit to introduce the cheese into interstate commerce.


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